GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6236
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IMPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of milk powder, wheat, sugar and other agro products imported during each of the last three years, upto March 2000;

(b) its impact on domestic market; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to contain the above imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) The requisite information is furnished in the statement enclosed.

(b) & (c) Policy of import of agricultural products forms an integral part of the Export-Import Policy of the country. The import policy on agro products is primarily aimed at augmenting domestic supplies to meet the local requirements and providing inputs at reasonable prices to the producers/manufacturers of food items. All imports in the country are subject to applicable rates of customs duty as well as provisions of all domestic laws, rules, orders and regulations etc. Interventions by the Government are made whenever warranted. In the recent past customs duty has been raised to 50% on wheat, 60% on Sugar, 70-80% on rice, 50% on Maize and 27.5% on edible oils.

Statement referered to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6236 for reply on 5.5.2000 regarding import of Agro Products Import of agro products during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (April-Feb.2000).

Qty. Tons Provisional figures	Other Agro Products		Other Cereals	Pulses	Oil Seeds	
	Milk Powder	Wheat	Rice			
1997-98	692	1485781	54	1121	1008121	247.34
1998-99	1858	1803699	6636	2023	563536	851.97
1999-2000 (April to Feb,2000)	18226	889756	22904	153156	188799	1338.58

Quantity figures are not available. Value figures are shown in Rs. Lakhs